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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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Sir:

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(Please note, the article by Mariko Kondo is in the Japanese language. We have ordered an English translation of the document and will be sent to you upon its availability.)

Applicant asserts that none of the references, currently or formerly cited, alone or in combination, disclose the claimed invention nor make it obvious. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the new references and allowance of the application.

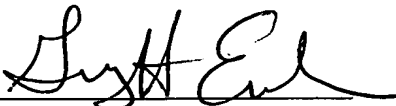
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